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The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street S.W. October 8th 1908 at 3 p.m.

Present.

Hom^{be} inⁿ Franklin | in the chair

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Lady Campbell.

Mr. Fitz Roy

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Lady Louise Loder.

Mr. Clement Parsons.

W^r. Helen Webb.

W^r. Zimmerin.

W. Lock, Gen. Sec.)

huro Parrot. (Ass. Orig. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

During one of the minutes Mr. Franklin announced that his wife
was able to go to Aberdeen but that Mr. Glaser could not.
that Mrs. Franklin would take her place. Specimens of the
new pamphlet ^{Parents of Nervous Children.} were handed round.

Apologies

The Secretary announced that apologies for inability to be present had been received from Mr. Devonshire Mr. Storer, Mr. Haslam, Lord Lytton, Mr. Jennings & Mr. Stirling. Mr. W. Thompson Mr. White.

Finance

The following financial statement was made.

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Mr. Lock pointed out that this left a deficit of over £67. in answer to an inquiry she said that this was always a time of the year when the balance was on the wrong side she hoped that in December, Capitation fees would help the financial position to right itself, but that the year had been an exceptionally heavy one. Mr. Franklin urged on Branch Secretaries to give donations 'from Branch Funds when possible, she said Mrs. Pavis had suggested approaching Carnegie to see if he would give a grant, it was thought that Mrs. Pavis might possibly do this.

Correspondence.

- (a) Mr. Abernethy Pauling expressing her appreciation of the P. U. School.
- (b) Mrs. Adams Buxton, who is placing her school on the Register & who expressed her appreciation of the inspiration given her by Mr. Franklin & Mrs. Paul. at the Conference.
- (c) Mr. J. Grunshaw M.P. who bought two volumes of the Home

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Education series & had mentioned the Union in his new book "You And As Health". It was suggested that the Secretary should ask Mr. Franks to give a copy of the book to the Library.

- (d) Mr. H. G. Jones has repaid proper his complaining of lack of helpers.
- (e) Mr. Lillie asking that specimens Reviews etc. should be sent to Mr. Cuzor at Burghersdorp, he would probably introduce the Review to the Public Librarian & personal friends.
- (f) Mrs. Nott, Bristol who is placing her school on the register.
- (g) Mr. Wicksteed giving £1.1.0 a year towards the Propaganda fund for two or 3 years.
- (h) Women's Employment Bureau, as attached. This was considered to be an excellent scheme & the Secretary was instructed to write expressing sympathy & to say that as soon as further details were forthcoming the Committee would be glad to have their order that they might consider the question of joining, which they would like to do if it were within the means of the Union.

Conference Printing

Burleigh's original estimate for the printing of the Handbook was £7.10.0 but owing to some mis understanding re dates at the 11th hour Mr. Lock had received an intimation that so few advertisements were forthcoming that Burleigh feared he could not print under £10, after which they would do their best to keep the price low; after consultation with Mr. Franklin Mr. Lock accepted £10 estimate at the same time saying they relied on them to keep the price low if possible - There was a number

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of advertisements in the handbook, several advertisers paying a guinea a page & Mr. Lock had therefore disputed the charge of £10 but with no result - It was decided that the charge that advertisement must be paid.

Conference 1909.

Mr. Franklin said that Birmingham had invited the Committee to hold the Conference there in 1909. A letter from Mr. Jordan Lloyd (Secretary) was read asking that the Conference might be in June rather than May, not over a week and of 3 days duration rather than 4 - The feeling of the Committee was that June was so difficult for Londoners to leave & that therefore if convenient to the Birmingham Committee it would be much better if the Conference took place in November. Mr. Jordan Lloyd also said that the Committee felt strongly that though they were inclined to entertain, that they felt the Social side was ^{apt to be} too prominent at these Conferences. The Committee Central felt that many opportunities should be given for conversations with individuals & that this could really not be done & social functions, but they advocated that these functions should be as simple as possible.

Miss Parish's Report.

Sep. 21-12: attended Bristol Association meeting at. Dublin. had did not learn much. Subjects were dealt with largely from the elementary standpoint & the financial side.

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Sep. 22.23.

Visited Teachers' to help a governors to start work with a class working in class in P. U. S. Mr. Lock said Mr. Neerly had written that the governors had gained much help from the Parents'.

Sep. 25.26.28 Attended Moral Education Congress.

Sep. 29. A meeting at Harrogate one new member & sold 17/3 tickets.

Sep. 30 Oct. 1st. At Leeds, several new members joined.

Oct. 5th. Bradford where she had to listen to many complaints.

re the Central Office, one of the chief being that Branches having a membership of less than 50 not being entitled to representation on the Committee - This was discussed at

some length & it was finally suggested that Bradford should

be invited to send a representative to Committee, without the power to vote, until the next Council meeting, & that at the Council meeting at which any Branch is ^{entitled to} representation,

the Bradford Committee should suggest an alteration in the existing by-laws. A complaint was also made that the

P. M. E. U. did not allow itself to be represented on other Educational bodies, & did not invite invitation to other Committees. Mr. FitzRoy said she had been asked to serve on the Moral Education Committee but unfortunately could not do so.

Oct. 6. Salisbury. a very good meeting. 80 present.

Oct. 7. A very good meeting & the desirability of forming a Branch is being considered. 80d literature to the value of £1.0.3

Branches.

Brentford. Mr. Devonshire wrote that owing to the illness of the local secretary who had been unable to do anything, the Branch was in a feeble state. Mr. Lock was instructed to say that it could be worked from the Central Office.

Hampstead. Mr. Glaser who was unable to be present, sent a message through the Secretary asking members to distribute amongst their friends cards for Mrs. Parish's meeting on 22nd.

Norwich. Mr. Frankham said that the question of Secretaryship had now been settled & that Mr. Russell Coleman had undertaken to keep the Branch going.

Scarborough. Mr. Walter Rea had given a most excellent presidential address at Scarborough - an innovation had been tried here. members reading passages selected themselves from books dealing with children.

Northwood. was making excellent progress.

Home Safeguards.

Mr. Lock reported that the stock was almost out, she was instructed to make enquiries re a reprint.

Office News.

The Secretary reported 28 new Central members against 21 retired & 5 new subscribers to the Parents' Review against 8 retired. There had been 133 callers & 295' had during the past 3 months.

Next Committee.

Nov. 4th at 3, subject to the home secretary's letter of 11th, was suggested

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for the next Committee meeting.

Other Business

Mrs. Franklin said she felt that at meetings such as the Moral Education Congress the P.N.U. ought to do more in the way of advertising. She felt that it would be an excellent thing if some one could be found to fill the void. Vacancy in the Committee who would undertake to see that P.N.U. leaflets were at all such meetings & were properly distributed. Mrs. Franklin read a letter from Mrs. Wedgwood who was anxious that the P.N.U. should co-operate in a crusade against the cruel mercenary. It was felt that all that could be done was to suggest to Mrs. Wedgwood that she should write a letter to the Parents' Nurses.

M. Franklin

3. 11.08.

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street S.W. Tues. Nov. 3rd 1908. 3 p.m.

Present.

The Hon. Mr. Franklin (in the chair),
Mr. Anson.

Mr. FitzRoy

" Howard Storer.

" Jennings (Brighton)

Lea Lence Loder.

Mr. Thackeray (Trichley,

" Stirling

" Walter Rea (Hampstead)

" Whitaker Thompson (Hyde Park)

Mr. Lock Seabury,

Miss Parrot. (Ass. Secy. Sec.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. Arising out of the minutes Mr. Lock said Mr. Lytleton had offered to let the Union have 1000 Home Page guards for £5. 10. as the matter was urgent. She had closed with this offer. Mr. Jordan Lloyd wrote that the Conference could be held at Birney Lane in the autumn but preferable in October than November. A report from the National Council Employment Bureau (as attached) was read. The Secretary was instructed to agree to an annual

payment of £1.00 + 95/70 on all sales. Mr. Lock said it would not be possible to see the Home Education Series on these terms. He was instructed to communicate with Reginald Paul & get them to send the series on sale or return. It was suggested that Mrs. Paul should go later to the shop & coach the mapaggers in the work of the Union & explain the various leaflets & pamphlets. Mr. Woodwood had written a letter to the P.R.

The Secretary announced apologies for Mr. Haslam, Mr. Clement Parsons, Mrs. Webb, Mr. Whyte & Mrs. Zimmerman.

The following financial statement was read:

Assets		Liabilities	
Boswell Bank.	25. 10. 10		
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		Lytle	1. 12. 6
		Boswell	4. 10. 0
		Lock	5. 16. 8
		Parish	10. 0. 0
		Tolcham	6. 0. 0
		Haynes.	1. 12. 6
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Mr. Lock said this does not include the accounts for Parents Union School books which were not yet to hand.

Correspondence.

- (a) Mr. Alston who has received a sympathetic letter from Mr. A. P. Benson. & who she thought should be asked to speak for the Union at one of the Conferences. Mr. Benson has been approached several times & has said time & time again - "Oh, I'm sorry I can't do it" & it was extremely improbable that he would speak.
- (b) Mr. Gaultney London Teachers Association offering to put Canadian Teachers visiting London in touch with the work of the Union. Mr. Lock said she had sent all pamphlets etc. to the London Teachers Office. An invitation had been received for an address to be given to these teachers & Mr. Frankel has arranged for a meeting at Lady Davis's on Tue. 24th at 5.45 p.m. Mrs. Paul would address the meeting, making special reference to the work of the Parents Union School.

The London Teachers Association are taking on the responsibility of the meeting & if the November meeting is well attended there will be subsequent meetings in December, January & March. Mrs. Lytle had kindly consented to take the chair.

- (c) Mr. Hale & Mr. Seymour offering their appreciation of the Parents Union & Parents Review, the former saying it has given & helped her in bringing up her sons.
- (d) Mr. Gibbs asking the P.T.U. to appoint a delegate to serve on the English Committee of the Home Education Congress to be held in Brussels 1910. It was proposed by Mr. Frankel & seconded by Mr. Bea.

Branch
Representation

that Mr. Glone who accepted, should serve
 (1) Mr. Prosser ^{who had joined the} P. U. S. Register who found the P. U. S. book excellent
 Mr. Franklin said that after the last meeting on reading
 thing the 4-laws 12, she thought that the
 Committee has not been quite in order in deciding on
 a constitutional change when the subject had not been
 previously appeared on the agenda. She then read the
 letter appended, which she had sent to Mr. Prosser.

The question of the number of subscribers entitled to
 Branch Representation on the Executive Committee was
 again discussed at great length, there being a strong feeling
 amongst some members of the Committee that the number
 should not be less than 50. After a very full discussion
 Mr. Anson proposed & Mr. Fitzgibbon seconded that a
 special recommendation be sent to be discussed
 at the Council meeting viz that the number of members
 entitled to Branch Representation on the Executive
 Committee should be lowered to 40. A show of hands
 being taken the motion was carried by a majority of 3
 there being 5 for & 2 against. Mr. Franklin was
 asked to communicate with Mr. Prosser. Mrs. Anson
 had recently written that she considered the Council
 Parents' News could not be an open field for all
 views that she did not think it particularly desirable
 that the Council should always be appearing as other

Preferences & that they could not do so when allowed to
 have their own views.

Branches.
Miss Parish's
Report.

Oct. 14. Woodford a good attendance.
 Sunbury an Branch meeting, which resulted in 10
 new members & a Talk & Nurses at which 17
 were present, this last was such a success that it
 was proposed there were.

23rd Hampshire, a Branch meeting.

Oct. 26, 30 Nov. 2nd ^{in connection with Northam Park Bazaar} time of a series of Talks - ^{his members}
 had a subscription for these talks.

Oct. 27. Great Boreham - Mr. Franklin led the choir.
 there were 7 new members & £1.19.8 subscription was
 made.

Oct. 29 Rushmore Club, there were no members present but
 Mr. Leavelle promised to send a special "At Home"
 day for a meeting at which Mrs. Parish should
 speak. The idea of speaking at this Club

has arisen for a meeting held at Mr. Spades home,
 Mr. Spades thought she would like her friends & children
 to have an opportunity of hearing Mrs. Parish.
 Mr. Franklin read letters from Mr. Collier, Mr. Lapsley
 & Mr. Brier all with appreciation of Mrs. Parish's
 addresses. At Wymouth a Reading Circle was being
 formed.

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Mr. Franklin said she had spoken at Ludalstro' when she had had a good meeting, 50 members had joined the Branch, 38 of whom were taking the Parents Review - At Great Bocking a reading circle would be formed. The Hyde Park Talks given by Miss Parsh were excellent & someone had told Mr. Franklin that they were the best things she had heard in connection with the P.H.S.

National Union
of Women Workers

Mr. Franklin said that she had spoken at Aberdeen, giving a paper on the Land Training of Boys & Girls in Citizenship. & that this had been favourably received & was being issued by the N.U.W.W. in their ^{Report} ~~Occasional~~ paper. There could be obtained for the printer at a charge of 4/- for 200. It was proposed that the cost of binding 200 in a paper cover should be ascertained & that some should be ordered for sale at the office at 2/- each. Mr. Franklin said that a large number of enquiries had been made & that several new members had joined as a result of her work. Also the Secy of the English Branch of the N.U.W.W. had promised that P.H.S. literature should be on sale at their meetings. Mr. Franklin has at 11th been on account of the failure of Mr. Cady, addressed a meeting of mothers & that Mr. Crichton who was also speaking had expressed sympathy with the work

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of the Union. One lady was going to send a copy of "bushes" in a hamper of books sent - would be - women for the Mothers Union. Literature to the amount of £6.1.7 had been sold. Mr. Lou said that she thought no special vote of thanks were due to Mrs. Franklin who had given up much time to the sale of the literature, at other conferences of the N.U.W.W. The sales have amounted to about 13/- the contrast was most marked.

Reprinting
Pamphlet

Home Training is now out of print & Mrs. Mason in order to make a reprint - cheaper was publishing the pamphlet - first in the Parents Review. A letter from Mr. Fitz R. on behalf of her Branch was read in which she said that there was a general feeling that the Recommended Gift Books was not up to date & that the Belgrave Brand which I know if the P.H.S. would allow an additional list to be printed, including if possible a special French list, the Branch proposed having put on the whole of the cost. After some discussion it was suggested that Mr. Tuckwell & Mr. Ambrose should be asked to collaborate with Mr. Channing Parsons, should she be taking that addition be made & that Mr. Devenish should be asked

of French Books.

if the list of books in the National Review could also be included. It was suggested by the Society that the additional list should be inserted in appendix four & a small charge made for it. She was asked to obtain estimates for the appendix with & without a paper cover.

Home Education Series.

Mr. Franklin read that the French Translation of Vol. II of the Home Education series had been ordered & was received & that Vol. III would shortly be ready.

From enquiries as Vol. II was handed round for the perusal of the members.

Branches.

Prof. Clouston had started well & 7 members were taking the Parents Review monthly. A most interesting letter from Mr. St. John to Mrs. Mason reporting progress of the work in S. Africa was recd. Mr. St. John hopes to address parents both in Pretoria & at the Cape. The letter was probably to be published in the Parents Review.

Office News.

Mr. Lock reported 22 new Central members against 10 retired. also 2 members had been sent on to Worcester & one to Belper.

Mr. Somerville of Branch who was anxious to have a large meeting in January met Mr. Franklin to speak

had called & discussed plans. She was going to see Mr. Franklin on the following Thursday. Mr. Warkworth had sent £2 for tickets for students to attend the Home Education lectures, but as the money had been used & it was proposed to by the balance to Parker's report on Manual Education. Several arguments had been made after people had seen the P.H.E. Exhibit at the Franco-British Exhibition. There had been 27 classes & 50 heads at the office during the month.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Dec. 1st.

Mr. Franklin proposed & Mr. Stone seconded the election of Mr. St. John as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Dec: 2nd '08

L. H. M.

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria St. S.W. December 2nd 1908. 3 p.m.

Present.

Lord Lytton (in the chair)

Mr. Gerald Campbell.

Mr. Almeric FitzRoy

Mr. Mr. Franklin

Mr. Hopwood (Northwood)

" Mackenlay (Finchley)

" Clement Parsons.

Mr. Schofield

Mr. Lock (Sec.)

Miss Parush (As. O. G. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. Arising out of the minutes it was stated that Mr. Rooper had visited the office & had announced that the Brondesbury Branch now numbered 50 & was therefore entitled to representation at once. Mr. Lock said that the name of a representative had not yet been forwarded. The Secretary said she had arranged with Miss Spencer that the Bookshop should receive 2/11 per copy for the Home Education series & that therefore the series could be dealt with direct by the office & there need be no transaction with Keegan Paul.

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Apologues

Apologues for absence were announced from Mr. Bennett, Lady Campbell, Mr. Glover, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Whitaker Thompson, & Mr. Helen Webb, Mr. Zimmern.

Sick Leave for Secretary.

During the discussion of this question Mr. Lock & Mrs. Parush retired - On returning to the room Lord Lytton expressed on behalf of the Committee sympathy with Mr. Lock on having to take further rest & said that the following arrangements had been made for his absence.

Mrs. Parush would be head of the office during Mr. Lock's absence, Mrs. Fitzhugh would receive additional salary at the rate of £6 a year & Mrs. Haines would be engaged to shop all day 12 from 9.30 - 4.30 at 12/6 a week - Mr. Lock would do the book-keeping at home & would receive half salary during her absence. Mr. Lock thanked the Committee for their generosity in the matter of salary to herself.

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Society of
Day Nurseries

Mr. Franklin called the attention of the Committee to the exhibition of the Society of Day Nurseries at Whitehall where 4 children & some nurses were displayed to a public standing free deep in a shop front window with no external ventilation. She felt that it was wrong of parents from points of view both moral & hygienic & had drafted a letter which was read, which she proposed sending to the President of the Society, Mrs. Lacy Holmesley, signed by Lord Lytton & herself (Mr. Franklin). The Committee was fully in accord with Mr. Franklin's views & were of opinion that the letter with slight alterations should be sent. The question of at the same time sending a letter of protest to the daily papers was discussed but it was felt that this should not be done until the Day Nurseries had had a chance of replying to the letter of protest but it was agreed that in that letter it should be stated that in order that their example being followed in the future, the Union contemplated writing a shorter letter of protest to the Press.

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Mrs Featherstone

Mrs Featherstone, ~~was~~ a Trans-Atlantic teacher, who had been present at Mrs. Parson's address to Canadian Teachers on Nov. 24th had been much interested in the work of the Union & was anxious to spread the work in the United States, she had been to the office & seen Mr. Lock & Mrs. Parson & had then been to see Mr. Franklin who had thought it advisable that she should meet the Committee

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Mrs Featherstone having been introduced, the Chairman welcomed her on behalf of the Committee. Mrs Featherstone said she knew the work of the Union would appeal to Americans & she felt quite sure that if once the work were started it would grow to be a very big thing, there were many people in the States who were interested along those lines but that there were many of these groups of people, nothing definite had been done, nothing crystallised, she wanted to start Branches in different centres, in fact do a tour speaking at various towns & starting the work - she felt that to do this it would be necessary to have permanent head quarters & also as she would have to give up her present appointment to do P.R.S.U. propaganda work, she would require a certain sum for expenses. She knew Mr Stanley Hall & Prof James & felt certain of their interest & support in the scheme as also of many other Educationalists - When the work of the Union was known she would then start a school on P.R.S.U. lines in her home Los Angeles.

Lord Lytton said he felt apprehensive of starting in so many towns at once, one experience showed us that each Branch wanted careful nursing & he felt that perhaps seed sown in so many places at once might be lost. He felt it would be better to start one Branch where Mrs Featherstone lived, & see with what success that met, if that was well supported then other Branches could be started.

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As regards the financial side Mrs Featherstone did not feel certain that she could get any guarantees but she felt quite certain of intellectual support. It was suggested that the subscription for America should be five dollars, inclusive of the Parents' Review. It was also felt that some small alterations would have to be made in the leaflet. Mr Schofield thought it would be as well to suspend further consideration until Mrs Featherstone had seen what support she could obtain, in the meantime she should have propaganda literature to disperse & the Committee would consider the matter again on hearing from her & would also communicate with her again before she left England. Mrs Featherstone then retired.

Lord Lytton being obliged to leave at this point Mr FitzRoy presided - During the lateness of the hour the financial statement, office news & a large amount of the correspondence were held over.

Correspondence.

(a) Sir William Mather asking that the Union would give certain of the exhibits, sent to the Franco-British Exhibition, to form part of a permanent collection representing advances of Educational methods; Mr Lock read a letter from Mrs Mason, whom she had consulted re certain of the exhibits sent by her, who was delighted with the selection, which she considered most representative & judicious. The Secretary

was instructed to say that the Committee must appreciate the honour done them & were willing to give the exhibits.

b) Mr. Usher a member of the Hantsford Committee who was collecting data re schools on unconventional lines & wished to know if the P.N.S.U. Committee would give 100 reprints of the list of schools appearing in the Parents Review as working on P.U.S. lines. The cost Mr. Lock said, would be under 7/6. It was decided to do this.

Miss Parson's Report.

Nov. 14th. She spoke at Derby, there she thought the members were decidedly sleepy. The P.N.S.U. had recently amalgamated with the Froebel Society here & some joint lectures are being held. Mrs. Parson thought that the Froebel Society had more life in it than the P.N.S.U.

Nov. 19th. Union Society at Kensington.

Nov. 23rd. Gave help to a governess at Breulwood who was teaching in the P.U.S.

Nov. 24. Address to Trans-atlantic teachers

Had also given the remaining three talks of the series of talks arranged by the Hyde Park Branch.

Mr. Lock said fees to the amount of £6.15 had been received for work done by Mrs. Parson during the month.

Branches.

Trinity. The talks to mothers had been most successful. Ten new members had joined the Branch. It had left through removal from the neighbourhood.

Mr. Frankham read the following extract from the speech of W. Ward, headmaster of Clifton College, when taking the chair at a meeting at Bristol.

tendence.

The CHAIRMAN said of all the leagues, associations, and unions to which he belonged—and he belonged to a great many—there was no one for whose ideals and aims he had a higher respect or with whose methods he more cordially approved. He was glad to congratulate the branch upon a considerable accession to its numbers during the two or three months which had elapsed since the annual conference of the Union was held in Bristol. He looked forward to the time when the branch would be so representative of Bristol parents that the heads of schools in Clifton would be able to utilise the meetings for real discussion of matters of interest to schoolmasters and parents alike.

Library.

Mr. Lock said Mrs. Mason had sent a box of books for the library & that Mr. Parson had given a copy of Mrs. Beale's life for the library.

Next Meeting

January 19th was suggested as a possible date.

New Inner Office.

The question of making a small office within the large outer room had been discussed while Mr. Lock & Mrs. Parson were absent & been decided on. Mr. Lock said she had an estimate for £8.5.0, it was considered advisable

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to obtain a second estimate, if this one was more the original estimate to be accepted.

Mrs Lees Letter

A most interesting letter from Mrs Lees, ex-student of the Home of Education, was read in which she said that much interest was being shown in the work of the Union in Johannesburg & that a Reading Circle had been formed by her.

H. Franklin

19.1.09.

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street, S.W. January 19th 1909, 3 p.m.

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Present

Hon. Mrs. Franklin (in the Chair)

Lady Campbell (Belgrave)

Mrs Howard Glover

Mrs Longdon (Surbiton)

Mrs Roper (Bromley)

Mrs Whitaker Thompson (Hyde Park)

Mrs W. H. Webb.

Miss Parish (Asst. Secy. Secretary)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes (a) Mrs. Franklin reports that she had thought it best to take up Mrs. Leatherstone's references from one or two people who knew her in England, and as a result she felt she could not recommend the Committee to proceed further with any negotiations with Mrs. Leatherstone. She had therefore written her a letter, of which a copy is submitted.

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Mrs Franklin read Miss Featherston's answer, in which she regretted the Committee's decision and asked to be permitted to subscribe to the Union. This letter Mrs Franklin had judged it best not to answer.

(b) a letter ^{of thanks} was read from the Board of Education for the exhibits from the House of Education, which has been shown at the Franco-British Exhibition and, having been selected for forming part of a permanent exhibition, had been sent to the Board of Education.

(c) a letter from Mr Lock suggesting that this fact should be advertised in the newspapers. It was thought hardly worth while to do so.

(d) a letter of thanks from Mr Woollen, on behalf of the British Institute of Social Service, for the reprints of the Schools register prepared for them by the Committee.

(e) As regards the Day Nurseries Exhibition, Mrs Franklin states that no answer had been received from the Viscountess Helmshay, and that although Lord Lytton had written a covering letter to the newspapers an extract from the letter had only appeared in the "Standard". The letter in toto had been published in the January Parents' Review.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were announced from Lord & Lady Aberdeen, Lord Lytton, Mr Haslam, Mr Jennings, Mrs Rea, Mr Stirling & Mrs Clement Parsons.

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Financial Statement.

The following Financial Statement was read.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash in Bank	£77. 16. 0		
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		Cowell (P.T.S.)	32. 15. 3
		Lock	2. 18. 4
		Parish	10. 0. 0
		Sticham	6. 10. 0
		Haynes	2. 14. 2
		Balance in hand	63. 9. 8
	£120. 7. 11		£120. 7. 11

Correspondence.

(a) Dr. E. Lytle Park, editor of the "Kindergarten Magazine and Pedagogical Digest" of New York, asking permission to use some excerpts from the Parents' Review in his magazine. This has been granted by Miss Mason.

(b) Miss Gilbert, ex-student of the House of Education who had been for thirteen years in her post and now reported most satisfactory letters from the heads of schools to which her pupils had gone.

(c) Dr. Gray, of Bradford College, with reference to reprints of his article in the December & January Parents' Reviews. It was decided to ask him for four or five dozen copies on sale, but that the pamphlet should not be added to the P.N.S.U. list.

(d) Mrs Hardie, of Trefnant, N. Wales, in appreciation of the help given by the P.U.S. & by the Parents' Review.

- (e) The Editor of the "Marblehead Times & Chronicle", asking that a copy of the Parents' Review should be sent to him each month for review, his attention having been drawn to the magazine at a lecture by Miss Ravenshill under the auspices of the P.N.S.U.
- (f) Mrs. Cother, of Weymouth, speaking warmly of the educational value of the P.U.S. & P.N.S.U.
- (g) Miss Kelgen, ex-student of the House of Education at present teaching Mr. Runciman's children. Mr. Runciman had been able to superintend the children's examinations & had expressed his satisfaction at their progress in the School.
- (h) Mr. Knight, of Calcutta, asking for information about the P.N.S.U.
- (i) Miss Davies, governess to the Princess Anirudh Kaur, daughter of the Maharajah of Kapurthala, asking for particulars of the P.U.S.
- (k) Miss Burman, complaining of the loss to her school by the formation of several private classes taught by House of Education governesses in Chelsea. It was decided that nothing could be done in the matter.

Miss Parish's Report.

Dec: 11-14: Miss Parish addressed a meeting at Plymouth. There was a good attendance & a Branch was formed under the name of the "Three Towns & District." Rev. Mr. Ponsbury was in the Chair & he and Mrs. Ponsbury will be Presidents. Miss Yorke, a teacher at St. Dunstan's College

was appointed Secretary. People of all denominations were elected to the Committee. Three lectures were to be arranged for the session, dealing with physical, mental & spiritual education, & there was to be a garden-party in the spring. Two Reading Circles were to be formed: one for poor mothers conducted by Miss Yorke, & another for more educated mothers conducted by Mrs. Unwin Vawdrey. The teachers at St. Dunstan's Abbey were much interested in the P.U.S. & Sister Mary Ischia would like to adopt the curriculum as soon as circumstances permitted.

Dec: 14: A meeting at Launceston, at Mr. Lewis's house. There were about 50 present: one new member; & £1.2.0 literature sold. The idea of the P.U.S. was very attractive & Miss Parish hoped to return in the spring & visit several other places in Cornwall.

Jan: 14: Mr. Franklin had spoken at a meeting at Bromley, & a Branch had been formed there with about 20 members. Mr. Somerville to be Hon. Secretary. Miss Parish was to give a series of six lectures on P.N.S.U. principles.

Jan: 15: A lecture to girls on "The Building of Character", under the auspices of the Baywater Branch.

Mr. Franklin said that Miss Parish had spoken at 91 meetings up to December. She thought so highly of the lecture to girls that she had written to the head mistresses of various schools suggesting that they should have it. She very much hoped that the new Branches would have the series of lectures which

Miss Parish had given to the Baywater Branch.

Propaganda Work

Mr. Franklin said that the arrangement of propaganda work was much hampered by want of funds. Only 2/- had been received in response to her appeal in the December P.N.

The Committee were earnestly begged to endeavour to arouse greater interest in this branch of the work & to get more support from the members. Mr. Glover suggested that a special appeal should be made at the Annual Meeting on behalf of the Propaganda Fund. Lady Campbell suggested that a course of propaganda meetings should be held in London in the spring. It was hoped that Mr. FitzRoy might be able to suggest hostesses who would be willing to lend their drawing rooms for morning meetings.

Annual Meeting

It was decided that the Annual Meeting should be held in London early in May, if possible at Grosvenor House with Lord Lytton in the chair. Mr. Franklin suggested Professor Sadler as speaker; Mr. Webb proposed Professor Myers, of London University, as a second choice. The question of the desirability of holding more than one meeting was discussed. Miss Parish said that a demonstration lesson was not advisable when the audience was a large one. It was decided that final details should be discussed at the next meeting.

Branches

Australia. A letter from Mr. Dillon, who wishes to resign his Hon. Secretaryship if a substitute could be found.

Richmond & New. The Hon. Sec. Mr. having to leave the neighbourhood it was feared that the Branch would lapse unless another Secretary could be found.

Bronzebury. Mr. Poper announced that the Branch now numbers 50 members, but it was hoped that the proposal made to the Council would still be entertained.

National Home Reading Union

Mr. Franklin announced that as an outcome of her address at Aberdeen she had been approached by Dr. Paton, Hon. Sec. of the Home Reading Union, with a view of bringing about co-operation between his Union & the P.N.E.U. It was decided to help the N.H.R.U., wherever it was possible, by making its Junior Reading Circles known at the Conference & among the members of the P.O.S.

Correspondence with Lord Meath

Mr. Franklin read a long correspondence between Miss Mason and Lord Meath on the subject of Discipline & corporal punishment. Although Lord Meath did not agree to the publication of the whole correspondence, it was decided to ask Miss Mason to publish one of the letters from herself in the Parents' Review.

Art for Schools Association

The pictures from the Art for Schools Association were then allotted.

Report of
Office Year

The Report of the Office Year was read and approved.
 Lady Campbell suggested that in any new edition of the
 "Catalogue of Gift Books" a footnote should be inserted to
 the effect that the Office was prepared to receive orders
 for the books mentioned on the list; special books could
 be obtained in three days.

The Office News was deferred until the next meeting.

Next Meeting.

February 17th was proposed as the date of the next meeting.

Lytton

Feb. 17. '09

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street, S.W. Feb. 17th 1909, 3 p.m.

Present

The Earl of Lytton, in the chair

M^r. Jelqai (Northwood)

The Hon. M^r. Franklin

M^r. Howard Glavin

M^r. Jitz Roy

M^r. Kersey

Lady Louise Loden

M^r. Clement Parsons

M^r. Walter Rea

M^r. Roper (Brondesbury)

D^r. Schofield

M^r. Stirling

M^r. Whitaker Thompson

D^r. Helen Webb

M^r. Whyte (Edinburgh)

M^r. Zimmern (Sudbury)

Miss Parish (Asst. Sec. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes were read and confirmed.

Apology.

An apology for absence was announced from M^r. Dryland Haslam.

Finance

The following financial statement was read:

		Liabilities	
Cash in Bank	£181. 1. 8		
" " hand	" 2. 10		
		Simpkin	59. 2. 1
		Hachette	5. 14. 0
		Lock	12. 9. 0
		Cowell	46. 16. 9
		Woolgar & Roberts	1. 1. 0
		Lock	2. 18. 4
		Parish	10. 0. 0
		Isleham	6. 10. 0
		Haynes	2. 14. 2
		Balance in hand	40. 9. 3
	£192. 4. 6		£192. 4. 6

Mr. Franklin announced that Mr. Lock's continued ill-health would prevent her from resuming her work at the Office for some time. It was decided to extend the leave that had been granted to her and to continue the existing arrangement as to her salary. At Mr. Lock's suggestion it was decided that the balance of £54. 6. 8 due to Messrs. Paul & Co. for the Home Education series should be paid off.

Correspondence

Letters were read from Austria, the Transvaal, New York & St. Petersburg, expressing interest in the P.N.S.U. & P.V.S.; also from D. Toogood, enquiring for an exchange of magazines between

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the P.N.S.U. & the National Society of Day Nurseries; from Mr. Campbell Atkinson, who had seen the P.N.S.U. exhibits at the Franco-British Exhibition; from Mr. Prosser (Norfolk) expressing appreciation of the P.V.S.; and from the Sub-Editor of the "Commonwealth", asking for the insertion of the advertisement of Miss Parish's lecture to girls in that paper. ^{It was decided that this should not be done.} Letters were also announced from several members, enquiring for particulars of "Ourselves"; and a correspondence was read with regard to the postponement of Miss Parish's proposed lecture at Twickenham. Mr. Franklin was asked to explain to the Chairman of the Twickenham Board of Education the attitude of the P.N.S.U. towards schools.

Old Branches

It was announced (a) that the Tasmania Branch had lapsed owing to the retirement of the Hon. Secretary. (b) Northwood. Mr. Delgati & Mr. Hopwood had undertaken the secretariat in place of Miss Rowland Brown & Miss Stanger. (c) Melbourne. The Secretary (Mr. Dillon) found it difficult to arouse active interest in the Branch. (d) East Cheshire. That the Branch now numbered 19 members. (e) Bolton & Darworth. Mr. Barnes had found a new Secretary. There was a strong desire for the Branch to be continued.

New Branches

Mr. Franklin announced that she had addressed a meeting at Weymouth & that there was some possibility of a Branch being formed there.

Miss Parish's
Report

- Jan. 26th Austral Club
 " 28. Address to girls at Mrs. Hervey's school at Aldburgh.
 " 29. Professional visit to Mrs. Wentworth at Saxmundham.
 Feb. 1st Bolton. There was some idea of discontinuing the Branch but this had since been abandoned. The meeting was badly attended.
 Feb. 2nd Preston. A good meeting & the outlook for the Branch was promising.
 Feb. 5th Professional visit to Mrs. Bickerton, Hatley St.
 " 9th First of series of lectures at Bromley; good attendance and some new members.
 Feb. 11th Visit to Free Kindergarten, Westminster.
 " 16 Second of series at Bromley.
 Meetings in prospect: Paignton, Wellington, Dartmouth, St. Ives.
 Fees taken during the month, £3.3.0; literature sold, 21/10

Annual Meeting Mrs. Franklin announced that Professor Sadler was unable to address the meeting. Other names were suggested and Lord Lytton undertook to ask Professor Butcher to speak, and failing him, Dr. Headlam of King's College.

Filling of Vacancies
on Exec. Committee Resignations from the Executive Committee were announced from Mrs. Anson & Mrs. Trava Bigham. It was unanimously agreed to invite Mrs. George Cadbury to fill the one of the vacancies, & to ask her also to serve on the Conference Committee.

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Discussion as
to Funds.

Office News

Taken under Finance Report.

It was reported that 22 new members had joined the Central Branch against 4 retired, also 7 new subscribers to the Review against 7 retired. Twenty-one members had been transferred to the Bromley Branch.

Lytton
March 24. '09

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Conference Committee 26 Victoria Street, S.W. Feb. 17th, 1909. 4/1/09

Present

Lord Lytton (in the Chair)

Mrs. FitzRoy

Mrs. Franklin

Mrs. Howard Glover

Lady Louise Loder

Mrs. Clement Parsons

Mrs. Walter Rea

Mrs. Stirling

Dr. Schofield

Mrs. Whitaker Thompson

Dr. Helen Webb

Mrs. Whyte

Miss Parish (Asst. Org. Sec.)

Preliminary Meeting

Mrs. Franklin announced that a Preliminary Meeting had been held on Feb. 5th at which the following had been present: Lady Campbell, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Howard Glover, Mrs. Jordan Lloyd, Mrs. Clement Parsons, Mrs. Whitaker Thompson, and Dr. Helen Webb. The date and underlying thought of the Conference had been discussed & various speakers suggested.

Date

The dates originally suggested - Monday, Nov. 15th - Friday, Nov. 19th inclusive - were fixed.

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Place

Mrs. Franklin announced that Mrs. Jordan Lloyd had not yet found a hall but that she was making enquiries.

Underlying Thought

The following general underlying thought was suggested:
"How to establish an adjustment between the two objects of education - (a) practical success (b) self development."
"Leave Now for dogs and asses!
Man has for ever."

SuggestedSpeakers

It was decided that Mrs. Cadbury should be asked to give a presidential address with an address of welcome in the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 15th, to which Lord Lytton should reply. On Monday evening, Nov. 15th, Professor Lader should be asked to speak on some question dealing with idealism in commercial life. Nov. 16th Lord Lytton to give a paper, as it would probably be more convenient for him than to come down twice.

Other suggested speakers were Lord Cromer, to deal with the point of view of public school men as men of affairs; Mr. McCull, of the Tate Gallery, on the Art side of the question; the Bishop of Birmingham, to harmonize both sides at the end of the Conference; Mr. Paton; Mr. Martin Holland, on the question of a University career for business men; Mr. Gomers, on Children's Amusement; Miss Haskins, to give the paper which had been promised for the Bristol Conference; Dr. Oliver Lodge; Miss Mason; Miss Philp (suggestion from Birmingham);

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Professor Osler; Mr. Brangue; Mr. Arthur Benson; Mr. J.A. Whyte.
 Mr. Walter Ford, a lecture on music, with illustrations, on
 Wednesday evening, Nov. 17; Miss Geraldine Hodgson.
 Professor Hughes name had been suggested by Mr. Jordan Lloyd
 but was to be a second choice. Mr. FitzRoy promised
 to ask Mr. Dugdale, Recorder of Birmingham, for suggestions.

It was decided that Miss Parish should give an address
 to girls and young women at a time convenient to Birmingham,
 probably Thursday afternoon, Nov. 18th, at 5 o'clock; and
 that she or an ex-student of the House of Education (possibly
 Miss Bradley) should give an address and Demonstration Lesson
 on the question of moral teaching and how it is treated in
 the Parent Union School.

Other Arrangements. Nov. 16th Evening. Reception by the Mayor of Birmingham.
 " 17th Afternoon. Expedition to Bourneville.
 " 18th " London Exec. Committee Tea.
 " " Evening. A lecture which would specially appeal
 to teachers.

Suggested Chairmen The following Chairmen were suggested by the Birmingham Committee:
 Professor or Mr. Minshull, Professor Hughes, Mr. Philip.

Lytton
 March 24. '09

The Conference Committee, 26 Victoria Street, S.W. March 24th, 1909. 3 p.m.

Present Lord Lytton (in the Chair)
 Lady Campbell
 The Hon. Mr. Franklin
 Mr. Howard Glover
 Mr. Dryland Haslam
 Mr. Jordan Lloyd
 Rev. C. Roper writes
 Dr. Helen Webb
 Miss Parish (Asst. Org. Sec.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
 Mr. Franklin announced that the following had consented to speak:
 the Bishop of Birmingham, Mr. Walter Ford, Mr. Finney, Sir Oliver
 Lodge. Doubtful replies had been received from Mr. Arthur Benson,
 Professor Osler & Professor Sadler. Mr. Brangue, Mr. Martin Holland
 were unable to speak. It was decided that Mr. Benson, Prof. Sadler
 Prof. Osler might be approached again later, if necessary.
 Lord Lytton said that he had not yet had an opportunity of
 asking Lord Cromer but that he thought it probable that he
 would accept.

Other suggested speakers were Miss Geraldine Hodgson, Dr. Parkin,
 Sir Clifford Allbutt, the Hon. Mr. Gell (on the domestic side of education),
 Mr. Roger Fry (Art), Mr. Wallis Raleigh, Mr. Thistlethwaite, Mr. Lark,
 Lord Lytton promised to ask Dr. Wadstein of Cambridge and

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Mr. Letherby to speak. Mrs. Jordan Lloyd undertook to find six or eight young singers for Mr. Waller's lecture on Wednesday evening, Nov. 17.

Mrs. Jordan Lloyd said that she had not yet secured a hall for the meetings but submitted the names of several with which she had negotiated.

Leyton

May 5. 09

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street, S.W. March 24th, 1909. 4 p.m.

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Present

Lord Leyton (in the chair)

Lady Campbell

Mrs. Delgate (Northwood)

The Hon. Mr. Franklin

Mrs. Howard Glover

Mr. Dryland Haslam (Reading)

Mrs. Jordan Lloyd (Birmingham)

Mrs. Kersey (Belgrave)

Mrs. McMaster (Brighton)

Rev. C. Roper (Brondesbury)

Mr. Sterling

Dr. Helen Webb

Miss Parish (Aot. Org. Sec.)

New members of
Exec. Committee

Mrs. George Cadbury and Lt. Col. B. R. Ward were introduced as having been co-opted on to the Committee.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were announced from Mrs. Cadbury, Lady Louisa Loder, Mr. Whitaker Thompson, Mr. Whyte & Mrs. Zimmerman.

Financial Statement

The following financial statement was read:

Cash at Bank £ 73. 2. 3

" in hand £ 33. 14. 8

Liabilities

Simpkin 25. 15. 7

Rieves 1. 16. 6

Bridges 5. 18. 8

Wightman 1. 10. 0

Cowch 34. 11. 0

Miss Parikh 10. 0. 0

Miss Jetcham 6. 10. 0

Mrs Lock 2. 18. 4

Miss Haynes 2. 14. 2

Balance in hand 15. 2. 8

£ 106. 16. 11

£ 106. 16. 11

The subjoined letter from the auditor was read and also a letter from Mr Perrin commenting upon it.

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Correspondence

- (a) A letter from Warsaw expressing interest in the Review.
- (b) Mr Sanders, expressing gratitude for the Committee's letter to the Tiverton Education Board.
- (c) Mr Ritchie, asking for particulars of the P.N.S.V. to be sent to the Headmaster of the Royal Naval College, Osborne.
- (d) Mr Brittain, with reference to a proposed Branch at Rochdale.
- (e) The Secretary of the Imperial International Exhibition, 1909, asking for P.N.S.V. exhibits to be sent to the proposed Social Economy Section.
- (f) Mrs Bird, Gt. Bockingham, in connection with a debt of 18/- incurred at a meeting in her house in October 1908 by one of those present. Mr Franklin was instructed to write once more to the lady under cover of a letter to Mr Bird.
- (g) The photograph was shown of Princess Amint Kaur of Kapurthala, a new member of the P.U.S.
- (h) Mr Franklin announced that students of the House of Education were now working at a large public school for girls, a private school for girls, two boys' preparatory schools & two boys' day schools, & that in September there would be a student at a large day school for girls in London.

Branches

New. A letter was read from Miss D'Almeida Hughes, saying that she was continuing the Secretaryship & that it was hoped that the Branch would be carried on with success on somewhat different lines.

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Hamptstead. Mrs Howard Gloom announced that she had attended a meeting of the Committee for arranging the Belgian Educational Conference of 1910, that a sub-committee had been formed & that it was considered very desirable that a representative of the P.N.E.U. should serve on this body.

Mrs Parish's Report

Mrs Parish reported that she had addressed meetings as follows:

- Feb. 19th Ice Kindergarten, Westminster
- Feb. 28th Bromley - 3rd lecture of series
- March 1st Ravenscourt Park. Five new members. Literature sold 5/-
- " 3rd Paignton. There was a great desire for a Branch here.
- " 4th Wellington
- " 5th Visit to two schools at Exeter
- " 8th Dartmouth
- " 9th Plymouth
- " 11th St. Ives
- " 16 Bromley - 4th lecture of series
- " 17 Address to girls at Mrs Douglas' school, Queen's Gate.
- " 22 Bromley - 5th lecture

Fees taken £4.40, literature sold £2.15.10. Cost of tours, £4.7.9

Annual Meeting

Lord Lytton had obtained a promise from Mr Butcher to speak at the Annual Meeting & had secured Grosvenor House for the afternoon of May 12th.

Council Meeting

May 5th was fixed as the date of the Council Meeting, to be followed by a meeting of the Executive Committee.

Annual Report

Dr. Helen Webb undertook to compile the Annual Report.

Colonel Ward's Scheme

Colonel Ward asked whether it would be desirable or possible to form Parents' Clubs in connection with schools, in addition to the Parents' Union, but it was considered that the local Branches really filled the place of such clubs.

Office News

It was announced that 26 new members had joined the Central Office as against six resigned, and 3 new subscribers to the Review as against three resigned. One Central member had been transferred to the Northwood & one to the Bristol Branch. There had been 64 visitors at the Office and 75 trade calls during the month.

Report of Conference Com.

The report of the Conference Committee was appointed to the next meeting.

Lytton
May 5. 1909

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The Council Meeting, 26 Victoria Street, S.W. Wed: May 5th 1909. 3/4 m.

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Present

The Earl of Lytton, in the chair

M^{rs} Devonshire

The Hon. M^{rs} Franklin

M^{rs} Delgate (Northwood)

M^{rs} Kersey

The Lady Louise Loder

M^{rs} Clement Parsons

M^{rs} Roper (Bromleybury)

S^{rs} Helen Webb

M^{rs} W. H. Webb

M^{rs} Zimmern (Sutcliffe)

Miss Parish (Asst. Org. Sec.)

Apologies

Apologies were announced from M^{rs} Cadbury, Lady Campbell, M^{rs} Sonnenstein and Prebendary Webb. Popham.

Annual Report

The Annual Report was read. Lord Lytton moved its adoption from the Chair & the motion was carried unanimously.

Alteration in Rule 8.

The proposed alteration in Rule 8, viz: that "forty" be read instead of "fifty", was confirmed.

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Re-election of Presidents.

The re-election of the Presidents was proposed by Lord Lytton from the chair. Carried unanimously.

Re-election of Vice Presidents.

The re-election of the Vice Presidents, with the addition of M^{rs} J. Steinthal and M^{rs} Steinthal, was proposed by Miss Mason & seconded by M^{rs} Franklin. Carried unanimously.

Re-election of Council.

The re-election of the Council, with the addition of the Hon. M^{rs} Schomberg Byng, whose name had been proposed by M^{rs} FitzRoy and seconded by M^{rs} Franklin, was proposed by M^{rs} Devonshire. Carried unanimously.

Re-election of Executive Com.

The re-election of the Executive Committee, with the addition of the Hon. M^{rs} Schomberg Byng, was proposed by Lord Lytton from the chair. Carried unanimously.

Re-election of Auditor.

The re-election of the Auditor was proposed by M^{rs} Franklin. Carried unanimously.

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The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria St., S.W. Wed: May 5th, 1909, following Council meeting.

Present

The Earl of Lytton, in the chair

Mrs Devonshire

Mrs Jelgate (Northwood)

The Hon. Mrs. Franklin

Mrs Kersey (Belgrave)

The Lady Louise Loder

Mrs. Mühlberg (Dulwich)

Mrs Clement Parsons

Mrs Roper (Bromley)

Dr Helen Webb

Mrs W. M. Webb

Mrs Parish (Asst. Org. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes, Mrs. Franklin said that she had had no reply to the letter she had written in connection with the debt incurred at the meeting of at Mrs. Bird's house. The Committee decided that an account should be rendered monthly until the debt was paid.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were announced from Mrs. Cadbury and Lady Campbell, Mrs. Badoch, Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. Jordan Lloyd, Mrs. & Mrs. Whyte.

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Financial Statement

The following financial statement was read:

Cash in Bank	£43. 11. 6	Liabilities	
- " - hand	18. 2. 4	Cowels	34. 13. 4
		Parish	10. - -
		Sticham	6. 10. -
		Lock	2. 18. 4
		Haynes	2. 14. 2
		Bal. in hand	4. 18. -
	61. 13. 10		61. 13. 10

Correspondence

(a) Mrs R. M. Wilkinson (Harlesden) expressing a wish for a Branch to be formed at Harlesden. This was considered undesirable by the Committee

(b) Mrs. Kiriwan (Kilgore, S. India) - a letter of gratitude to Mrs. Mason for help given by "Home Education" - Parent & Children.

(c) Miss Lees (Transvaal) giving a report of the local Reading Circle.

(d) It was announced that Mrs. Mason had been one of the educationalists asked to contribute answers to various questions put by the Moral Education League, & the pamphlet in which the questions & answers were published was shown.

(e) Mr. J. H. Brittain (Rochdale) reporting progress in the direction of the formation of a Branch & suggesting an inaugural meeting in September.

(f) Mrs. Williamson (Radston) telling of the high position taken by one of her children at a public day school, after working in the P. U. S.

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Miss Parsh's
Report

Miss Parsh reports the following meetings:

March 26th Hainstone. Two new members. Literature sold 11/2

" 30th Bromley. Last lecture of series.

" 31st Propaganda meeting at Mr. Jersey's house.
Two new members. Literature sold 4/9

April 1st Norwich. Out of door lecture on Botany

" 5th Burgess Hill. Four new members. Literature £1.2.9

" 29th Propaganda meeting at Mr. Cohnan's house.
Literature sold £3. 9. 11

May 4th Chislehurst. A good meeting & a desire was expressed
for a Branch. Literature sold £1. 0. 5

Hire of room for Sanction was given for the hire of Miss Lounnity's studio
Committee Meetings for the use of Committee meetings, at the rate of 5/- a time.

Office News

It was announced that eleven new members had joined the
Central Office, besides seven new subscribers to the Parents'
Review; that twelve Central members & four subscribers to
the Review had withdrawn; & that one member had been
transferred to the Bristol Branch. There had been
ninety-five callers at the Office & ninety-nine Trade calls.
The sum of £2 had been received ^{from the Rev. C. H. Perry} as a 3/- donation to the Propaganda Fund.

Conference

Arrangements

Katharine V. Ray, July 14th
Mr. Franklin was empowered to engage the Friends' Meeting
House ^{Birmingham} for the Conference. In view of the fact that the

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Hall would not be available for meeting on the morning of
Wednesday, Nov. 17th, it was decided to fix the visit to
Bourneville at that time.

Provisional
Programme

The following provisional Programme was arranged:

Nov. 15th 3 p.m. Address of welcome. Mr. Cadbury,
Lord Lytton to reply.

Evening. Lord Cromer (to be asked by Lord Lytton)

Nov. 16th 10.30. Miss Mason's paper.

11.45 Mr. J. Purley

2.30 Dr. Helen Webb

3.30. Paper on Direct & Indirect Moral Teaching with or
without a Demonstration Lesson. Miss Brasley.

Followed by Secretaries' meeting.

Evening. Reception by the Mayor of Birmingham.

Nov. 17th A visit to Bourneville in the morning.

2.30 Mr. J. Whyte

3.30 Sir Oliver Lodge

5.0 Lecture to Girls. Miss Parsh

Evening "Songs for Children", with illustrations.
Mr. Walter Ford.

Nov. 18th 10.30. Paper on Art (Lord Lytton to ask Mr. Lethaby or
Mr. Roget Day)

11.45 "Renaissance Educational Ideals & Ourselves".
Miss Geraldine Hodgson

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- 2.30. Mr. Jowett (to be asked by Mr. Franklin)
 3.30. A paper on "Scouting" by House of Education Students.
 London Executive Tea.

Evening. Mr. A. Benson, Dr. Waldstein, or Prof. Sadler.

Nov. 19th 10.30. Mr. Jowett

11.45 "Shall we send our sons to the University?"

The Bishop of Birmingham.

W. Franklin

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The Local Secretaries' Meeting. May 12th 5.30 p.m. at 13 Chilworth Street, W.

Present

The Hon. Mr. Franklin, in the Chair.	Mr. Jordan Lloyd (Birmingham)
Mr. Percy Bigland (Belgrave)	Miss Heslop (Croydon)
Mr. Delgate (Northwood)	Mr. McWilliam (Bristol)
Mr. Almeric FitzRoy (Belgrave)	Mr. Philp (Birmingham)
Mr. Geddes (Belgrave)	Mr. Price (Sudbury)
Mr. Howard Jones (Hampton)	Mr. Roper (Bromley)
Mr. de Vere-Hamilton (Hyde Park)	Mr. Scarth (")
Mr. Granville (West Hampton)	Mr. Paul Schleiser (Bromley)
Mr. Hall (Croydon)	Mr. Spence (Bromley)
Mr. Hayter (Wanstead & Woodford)	Mr. Teed (Sudbury)
Mr. Henderson (Weybridge)	Mr. Whitaker Thompson (Hyde Park)
Mr. Hopwood (Northwood)	Mr. Waterhouse (Sudbury)
Mr. Dryland Haslam (Reading)	Mr. Wein (Hyde Park)
Mr. Stuart Horner (Sudbury)	Miss Parish (Anti. Org. Sec.)

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
 Mr. Franklin reminded Secretaries that copies of the minutes of the meeting would be sent to any Branches wishing for them, on payment of 6^d.

Alteration in Rule 8

She announced that the Executive Committee had sent up a resolution to the last Council Meeting, to the effect that in Rule 8 of the constitution the word "forty" should be substituted for "fifty", and that the alteration had been confirmed.

Secretaries of Branches affected by the alteration in the Rule were asked to send to the Office the names of Representatives entitled to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee.

In answer to a question, it was explained that in cases when the Branch Representative was unable to attend a delegate might be appointed.

The possibility of Branches which numbered over eighty subscribers having two Representatives was mentioned.

Mrs. Franklin announced that the Thirteenth Annual Conference would be held in Birmingham in November. She hoped that this would be made known to the members of every Branch.

Mrs. Howard Glover (Hampstead) proposed & Mr. Dryland Haslam (Reading) seconded the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:

"That two official representatives, in addition to the Branch Representative & the Secretary, be appointed by each Branch to attend the Conference, it being optional to the Branch to defray their expenses."

Mrs. McWilliam (Bristol) raised the point as to whether it would be advisable to lower the price of the P.N.S.V. literature. She thought that there might be a readier sale of the pamphlets if their price were 2^d. or 1^d. instead of 6^d. or 4^d. Various

opinions having been expressed, Mrs. Franklin said that it would be better to consider the matter further when a new pamphlet was to be produced.

Collection of

Subscriptions

Mrs. McWilliam also asked for suggestions as to how over-due subscriptions might be collected. Mrs. Hall (Croydon) found it a good plan to send out a notice before Christmas to the effect that after March 21st an additional shilling would be charged beyond the regular subscription. Mrs. Jordan Lloyd (Birmingham) suggested that a slip should be affixed to the first Programme issued with a request for subscriptions. Mr. Dryland Haslam said that he issued a request at the beginning of the year & sent no Reviews until the subscription was paid. Mr. Dighton (Belgrave) found a Bankers Order form useful.

Branch Meetings

In response to an enquiry as to what form of meeting was found most successful, Mrs. Roper (Barnetbury) said that several debates had been arranged in her Branch with much success, members being allowed to bring friends. Mrs. Franklin suggested that such meetings might take the form of a discussion of the last lecture, or of parts of Mrs. Mason's books. She said that it was well to arrange meetings for non-members & new members occasionally, & that Mrs. Parry's course of lectures on the P.N.S.V. Thought & Teaching was very valuable. She hoped that every Branch would see that its members

received the Report. Miss Parish suggested that the Secretary should read the report of the year's work at the next Branch meeting, & that the attention of members should be drawn to the fact that the prospectuses of the Parents' Union School & of the Mothers' Educational Course are included in the Report.

The desirability of arranging Talks to Nurses was discussed. Secretaries often found that the mothers were unwilling to send their nurses. Mrs. Franklin suggested that a preliminary meeting for mothers might be held, at which the value of such a Course might be made clear and any difficulties explained.

P.N.S.U. and the
Poorer Classes.

With reference to the possibility of giving help to working-class mothers, Miss Parish said that several successful meetings of this kind had been arranged by the Plymouth Branch. Mrs. Franklin felt that there was no need to encroach upon the work of existing mothers' meetings, but that members might give help indirectly to poorer mothers by spreading principles which they themselves had learnt from the P.N.S.U.

The Conference Committee, May 25th, 1909, at 26 Victoria Street, S.W.

Present

The Earl of Lytton
Mrs George Casbury
Lady Campbell
The Hon. Mrs. Franklin
Mrs Howard Glover
Mrs Jordan Lloyd
Mrs Philep
Mrs Walter Rea
Dr. Helen Webb
Miss Parish (Abst. Inq. Sec.)

The Chair was taken by Mrs. Franklin & subsequently by Lord Lytton on his arrival. Apologies were announced from Mrs. Clement Parsons, Mr. Dryland Haslam, Mrs. Dunscombe & Mrs. Whyle.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Price of
Season Ticket

It was decided that 3/6 should be charged for a Season Ticket including Handbook and badge, if bought before the Conference; 3/6 without Handbook and badge, if bought at the time of the Conference.

Programme

The following provisional programme was drawn up after discussion:

Monday, Nov. 15th

- 3.0. Mrs Cadbury. Address of welcome. Lord Lytton briefly.
Tea to be given by London Executive Committee
- 8.30. Chair. Lord Lytton
Speaker. Bishop of Birmingham or Mr Benson

Tuesday, Nov. 16th

- 10.30. Chair. Mrs Cadbury
Speaker. Miss Mason's paper, read by Mr Franklin
- 11.45. Chair. Mr Walter Rea
Speaker. Dr Helen Webb
- 2.30. Chair. Archdeacon Burgess. Speaker. Mr Poley, or an Art lecture
- 3.45. Chair. Mr. Dunshead
Speaker. Miss Bradley on "Direct, Indirect Moral Teaching"
- 5.30. Secretaries' meeting
- Evening. Reception by Mayor, or Mr Walter Rea's paper on "Songs for Children" with illustrations - Mr Howard Glover in the Chair. If neither of these could be arranged, the evening to be left free.

Wednesday, Nov. 17th

A visit to Bournville to occupy the morning.

- 3.15. Chair. Mr Dugdale, Recorder of Birmingham (subject to Sir Oliver Lodge's approval)
Speaker. Sir Oliver Lodge
- 5.0. Chair. Lady Campbell
Speaker. Miss Parsh: an address to girls.

8.30. Chair. Mrs Howard Jones

Speaker. Mr Walter Rea on "Songs for Children"
or a free evening.

Thursday, Nov. 18th10.30. Chair. Mr Franklin

Speaker. Duchess of Sutherland
or

Chair. Mr Whitworth Wallace

Speaker on Art, possibly Mr Walter Rea

11.45. Chair. Mr Eric Carter

Speaker. Miss Geraldine Hodgson on "Renaissance Educational Ideals and Practices"

2.30. Chair. Professor Hughes

Speaker. Canon Masterman

3.45. Chair (To be found locally)

Speaker. Miss Allen on "Scouting"

5.0. Tea by Birmingham Committee in the Art Gallery.

8.30. Mr Benson (if the Bishop of Birmingham accepted for Monday) or Art lecture, or Reception by London Com.^{tee}

Friday, Nov. 19th10.30. Chair. Mr Phyll

Speaker. Mr Givier

11.45. Chair. Mr Franklin. Discussion meeting2.30. Chair. Mr David or Lady Campbell.

Speaker. Bishop of Birmingham, if not on Monday

Places of meeting

Mr Franklin read a correspondence with the Bishop of Birmingham, in which he deprecated the use of the Friends' Meeting House for the Conference meetings. The Committee decided not to alter the existing arrangements but to ask the Bishop to give his address at some place other than the Friends' Meeting House. Mr Franklin was instructed to write to him to this effect and to ask him to speak on Monday evening, Nov. 15th, if possible, instead of on Friday, Nov. 19th. Mrs Jordan Lloyd undertook to find a place of meeting for this occasion, preferably the University Building. She also promised to arrange for Miss Parry's address to girls to be given at a girls' school, and to make the arrangements for the London Executive Tea on Monday, Nov. 15th.

Further arrangements.

It was decided that a charge of expense should be made for admission to Miss Parry's address to girls.

Lord Lytton undertook to ask Mr Roger Ingham or Sir Martin Conway to give the lecture on Art. He announced that Lord Cromer was unable to speak and that he had received no reply from Dr. Walcott. Mr Franklin announced that Mr J. Whyte had declined & that Mr Pixley had not yet given a definite promise to speak.

N. U. W. W.
Conference.

Date of Exec:
Committee meeting

Mr Howard Jones agreed to attend the Conference of the N. U. W. W. as a delegate of the P. N. S. U.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was fixed for July 14th.

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Lytton?

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street, S.W. July 14th, 1909, 3 p.m.

Present

The Earl of Lytton	Mr. Walter Rea (Hampstead)
Mr. Devonshire	Mr. Roper (Bromley)
Lady Digby	Mr. Somerville (Bromley)
The Hon. Mr. Franklin	Dr. Helen Webb
Mr. Howard Glover	Mr. W. H. Webb
Mr. Kersey (Belgrave)	Mr. Zimmern (Dorset)
Mr. Clement Parsons	Mr. Mackenzie (Dorset)

Miss Parish (Hon. Sec.)

Until the arrival of Lord Lytton, the chair was taken by Lady Digby.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were announced from Lady Aberdeen, Mr. George Cadbury, Lady Campbell, Mr. Dayland Haslam, Lady Louise Loder, Mr. Stirling & Mr. Whyte.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Franklin's visit to Canada.

Mr. Franklin reported that she had attended the International Council of Women at Toronto, as delegate from the National Council of England, and that she had read a paper and given an address at the meetings. Much interest in the P.N.S.U. had been shown at Toronto and at Montreal, though neither place, in her judgment, was ready for a Branch. Three new subscriptions to the Parents' Review had been received; two whole sets of the Home Education Series & eight single volumes had been

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sold, besides P.N.S.U. pamphlets amounting to £3.1.5

Resignation of Mr. Lock

Miss Parish having withdrawn, a letter was read from Mr. Lock giving in her resignation by order of her doctor. This was accepted with the greatest regret, and the following resolution, moved from the chair and seconded by Mr. Glover, was passed unanimously:

That the Committee received with the greatest sorrow Mr. Lock's resignation and wished to record their deep regret that it should be necessary for her to sever her connection with the Union, coupled with their unanimous expression of gratitude for all she had done for the Union during the seven years of her secretarialship.

Appointment of General Secretary.

Miss Webb then proposed and Mr. Devonshire seconded the resolution:

That Miss Parish be formally elected as General, as well as Organizing, Secretary, at a salary of £40 a year; and that Miss Lockman should be retained as Assistant Secretary, at the increased salary that she had been receiving during Mr. Lock's absence, namely, £78 a year, the engagement to terminate at three months notice in either side.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

During the reading of the correspondence the Chair was taken by Lord Lytton.

- (a) Mr Teale, Auckland, N.Z., reporting much interest in the P.N.E.U. in the large district north of Auckland.
- (b) Mr M.A. Khan, at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, had seen the Exhibit at the Imperial Exhibition & bought a volume of the H. Educ. Series.
- (c) Mr Harold Johnson, Sec. of the Moral Education League, suggesting that Mr J.I. Gould should give a specimen Moral Lesson at the Conference. Miss Parish was instructed to decline the offer, as the programme was already filled.
- (d) Education Congress at Bournemouth, 1910, requesting that the Committee should send a subscription ^{of £50} to the funds. Mr Jones, who had already been appointed as delegate of the P.N.E.U., undertook to pay this subscription on behalf of the Union.
- (e) National Federation of Ratepayers, requesting that a delegate should attend their Conference in October. Mr Franklin proposed, & it was unanimously agreed, that Mr Devonshire should be appointed as delegate.
- (f) Mr Walker, Chartered Accountant, notifying his firm's change of style to Beaver Walker & Co.
- (g) Mrs Woodwood, 2 Phillimore Place, inviting the Committee to co-operate with her in the circulation of leaflets among well-to-do mothers, calling their attention to common habits of nurses

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that are detrimental to children. It was decided that it was inadvisable for the Committee to take such action.

- (h) Mr Bird, 21, Bookham, re the collection of a debt for volumes of the Home Educ. Series.
- (i) Mr Hope, Manchester, that the P.N.E.U. had been honourably mentioned in a book being published by him on 'The Higher Education of Boys in England.'

Old Branches

Miss Parish announced that Mr Alexander had resigned the secretaryship of the Winchester branch, & Mr William of the Bristol branch; and that Mr Rawns and Miss Cook had been appointed in their place. Miss York had resigned the secretaryship at Plymouth, but the work was being well carried on until the appointment of her successor.

Office News

Miss Parish reported ~~that~~ 29 new members against 7 retired, & 11 new subscriptions for Parents' Reviews against 2 discontinued. Donations & subscriptions to the Propaganda Fund, amounting to £13.9.6, had been received during the ^{past two} months. There had been 117 callers at the Office & 178 trade calls.

The report of the Annual Meeting & of the Local Secretaries' meeting were omitted owing to lack of time.

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was fixed for Sept. 29th Oct. 5. Lytton

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The Conference Committee, 26 Victoria Street, S.W., July 14th, 1909. following Exec. Com.^{tee} meeting.

Present

The Earl of Lytton, in the chair

Mrs. Devonshire

Lady Dillkay

The Hon. Mr. Franklin

Mrs. Howard Glover

Mrs. Kersey (Belgravia)

Mrs. Clement Parsons

Mrs. Roper (Brondesbury)

Mrs. Wallis Rea

Mrs. Helen Webb

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. As arising out of the minutes, Mr. Franklin reported that the Bishop of Birmingham had readily fallen in with the suggestion that a special place should be engaged for his address, but that a hall had not yet been engaged; that Thursday evening was fixed for this meeting & that Mr. David had promised to take the chair; that refusal to speak had been received from Mr. Benson, Mr. Pinder, & the Duchess of Sutherland; & that Mr. Eric Carter was unable to take the chair. Sir Oliver Lodge, being unable to speak on the Wednesday afternoon, had been invited by the Birmingham Committee to address the Monday evening meeting & this engagement was fixed.

Subject to these alterations & with the omission of Mrs. Allen's proposed paper on "Scouting", the provisional programme

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remained unchanged.

It was decided that Mr. Martin Conway should be asked to speak on Wed. Nov. 17th at 3.15, and that Dr. Waldstein & Mrs. Edwin Ross should be invited to fill other vacancies. At Mrs. Webb's suggestion, Mr. Clement Parsons agreed also to contribute a paper. Mrs. Franklin said that she had been promised a paper on the question of University education and colonial life from Mr. C. J. Heat, K.C. of Montreal, which she suggested might follow the Bishop's address & be read by Mr. David.

It was decided that the programmes should be issued, if possible, by the beginning of October.

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The Executive Committee, 50 Porchester Terrace W., October 5th, 1909. 3 1/2 p.m.

Present

The Earl of Lytton in the chair
 The Hon. Mr. Schomberg Byng.
 Mr. Deane (Northwood)
 The Hon. Mr. Franklin
 Mr. Howard Glover
 Mr. Jordan Lloyd (Birmingham)
 Mr. Kersey (Belgrave)
 Mr. Longdon (Sutton)
 Mr. Clement Parsons
 Mr. Robertson (Croydon)
 Mr. Roper (Brondesbury)
 Mr. Whitaker Thompson
 Dr. Helen Webb Miss Parish (Secretary)

Apologies

Apologies were announced from Mr. Cadbury, Lady Campbell, Mr. Devonshire, Lady Lytton, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Somerville and Mr. Whyte.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FinancialStatement

Balance at Bank	£85. 8. 0	Cowell, Report	53. 9. 6
Cash in hand	56. 17. 2	Revisors	34. 0. 7
Balance outstanding	45. 13. 7	Stegan Paul, H. H. Series	16. 1. 2
		Miss Mason, P.U.S. fees	45. 0. 0 (approx.)
		Miss Lomnitz, Rent	18. 10. 0
		Miss Parish, Salary	11. 13. 4
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		" Haynes	2. 14. 2
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Correspondence

Letters were read as following:

- from Mrs. Alston (Amsterdam, Transvaal) saying that she has written articles on the P.N.S.U. in two S. African journals.
- Sister Mary Fidelia (Plymouth) telling of a thank offering of 2/6 received from an artisan's wife, in gratitude for a Series of Talks with Mothers held there in connection with the P.N.S.U.
- Miss Dicks Hale (Scarborough), expressing a wish for a Home of Education student for a day school, ^{which} she hoped to start a P.N.S.U. lines, as she found the P.U.S. ^{work} so successful in her boarding school.
- National Federation of Natifayers, relating to their Conference. The subject was not discussed, as the Conference had been indefinitely postponed.
- Mr. L. Magnus (of Long, Roulledge House) suggesting that the Parents Review would be improved & its usefulness enhanced if it were sent out with the edges cut. The Committee considered that this would be a great improvement & decided that the alteration should be made.

As arising out of this, Mr. Franklin suggested that advertisements should be included in future issues of the Annual Report; she thought that possibly some member of the Committee might be willing to undertake to get such advertisements privately. It was suggested that the matter might be put into the hands of the advertising agents who had charge of the advertisements in the Parents Review.

The question of the division of articles in the Review was

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also discussed. A resolution was proposed by Mr. Shonbey to the effect that the Byg & seconded by Mr. Jones. The Committee should ^{make known to} ~~express~~ the Editor their opinion that it was undesirable that articles published in the December number of the Review should be continued in the January number, in view of the inconvenience caused by the division of articles into two volumes when the Reviews were bound, & also of the fact that many new members joined in January who would not have seen the first part of an article continued from the December Review. The resolution was put to the vote & carried unanimously.

(f) from Mr. E. H. Cooper, offering suggestions as to the reading of papers at the Conference.

"Duty, Discipline" Series.

Mr. Franklin pointed out that in the present issue of pamphlets in the "Duty & Discipline" Series the fact that an article on "The Early Training in Citizenship" could be obtained from the P.N.S.U. Office was announced in such a way that applications were constantly received at the Office for other articles of the Series. As this was considered to be undesirable, Miss Parish was instructed to write on behalf of the Committee ^{pointing out} ~~to explain~~ that as printed at present the particulars as to how the Series could be obtained was misleading, and asking that the matter should be made clear in any future issue of the Series.

Old Branches

Northwood. Mr. Delgate reported that a very successful garden party had been held in the summer, at which Lady Campbell had spoken on the principles of the Union.

Cooydon. Mr. Robertson said that it was felt that the Branch was too much dominated by the pedagogic element, & that the principles of the Union as a whole were being lost sight of. Lord Lytton promised to give an address to the Branch in the middle of February.

Birmingham. Mr. Jordan Lloyd said that members had been much helped in their knowledge of the principles of the Union by the ^{lecture} ~~course~~ of Six Talks given by Miss Parish.

New Branches

Miss Parish said that very well-attended meetings had been held at Newcastle and at Boxmoor, and that a Branch had been started in each place. At Newcastle there were already 23 members & at Boxmoor 16.

Miss Parish's Report.

Miss Parish had also visited Middlesbrough, where there were now about forty members & the Branch was going on very successfully. The Dulwich Branch had been transferred to Home Hill, with the same Secretary & Committee, and she was giving her course of six Talks there. She had also made professional visits at Middlesbrough and at Great Ayton, had lectured at Mr. Harvey's school at Aldeburgh and was about to give four demonstration lessons as propaganda work at Cambridge. She had cleared 9 quires in fees

during the month.

Final Conference Arrangements

Mrs. Franklin announced that Lady Digby had consented to take the chair on Nov. 18th for Dr. Waldstein. Mrs. Jordan Lloyd said that she was approaching the Editors of the local newspapers with a view to their inserting notices of the Conference. She also said that five preliminary meetings had been arranged for this Parish in the neighbouring districts. Mrs. Franklin said that the National Home Reading Union were sending a representative to join in the discussion after Mrs. Edwin Ray's paper on Nov. 16th.

Office News

This Parish reported that there were 26 new members of the P.N.R.U. & 11 new subscribers to the Review, against 24 members & 4 subscribers to the Review discontinued. Three members had been transferred to local Branches. There had been 117 visitors & 215 trade calls at the Office during the month.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee was fixed for December 1st.

Katharine Digby

Local Secretaries' Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 16th, 1909, Birmingham

Present

The Hon. Mrs. Franklin, in the chair.

Mrs. S. G. Arnold

Mrs. H. Howell (Oxford - delegate N.B. & W.)

Mrs. S. H. Badoch (Bristol)

Mrs. Price (Sunderland)

Mrs. Seymour Benson (Darlington)

Mrs. Blakely (Dunstable)

Mrs. Percy Bigland (Bournemouth)

Mrs. Stuart Robertson (Croydon)

Mrs. Caffer Johnson (Leeds)

Mrs. Robertson (Derby)

Mrs. Dickie (Huddersfield)

Mrs. Roper (Bromley)

Mrs. Delgate (Hotham)

Mrs. Somerville (Bromley)

Mrs. Franklin (Hyde Park)

Mrs. Sturge (")

Mrs. Boker (S. Cheshire)

Mrs. Watkinson (Sunderland)

Mrs. Damsie Hall (Croydon)

Dr. Helen Webb

Mrs. Ingham Haslam (Reading)

Mrs. Wicks (Leeds)

Mrs. Holden White (Birmingham)

Mrs. Williams (Salisbury)

Mrs. Jordan Lloyd (")

Mrs. Wood-White (Birmingham)

Mrs. Kirby (Derby)

Mrs. Ginn (Sunderland)

Mrs. McMaster (Brighton)

Mrs. Parish (Secretary)

In the matter of localities where the population was a shifting one, Mrs. Franklin said that good work could be done by arranging small drawing room meetings which this Parish could address, & people interested might become members of the Central Office. A course of lectures might also be given, or it was a good plan to read & discuss articles from the Parents' Review or papers read at Conferences.

Lecturers
List.

Miss Parish said that she was anxious to revise the present Lecturers List, & that she would be grateful if Branch Secretaries would send in fuller accounts of their lectures & if they would also give her particulars of any local persons who might be willing to lecture in their district. She asked for suggestions as to how the List might be made more useful.

Mrs. Franklin suggested that the Branches might be willing to contribute towards the expense of printing a list, & the subject having been discussed, Mr. Dryland Haslam moved a resolution

"That a Lecturers' List be printed every year and that all Branch Secretaries be asked, when sending Capitation fees, to send 2/6 for such a list, which should be issued as early in the year as possible."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Jordan Lloyd & carried unanimously. May was considered a desirable time for receiving the list.

In response to a question, Mrs. Franklin said that any lecturer suggested must be vouched for by the Secretaries. She thought it would be well if Branch Secretaries in neighbouring districts would hold a local secretaries' meeting before arranging their programmes, with the idea of sharing expenses when a lecturer came from a distance, by securing the same lecture on consecutive days.

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Affiliation
with N.V.W.W.

The affiliation of P.N.S.V. Branches with local Branches of the N.V.W.W. was discussed. Mrs. Hale (Croydon) reported that her Committee was of the opinion that the fact that the N.V.W.W. had no men among its members made affiliation undesirable. It was pointed out that many of the societies already affiliated to the N.V.W.W. had a membership of both men & women, e.g. the Charity Organisation Society, & the Women's Industrial Council.

Propaganda.

Mrs. Hilby (Derby) undertook to arrange a drawing room meeting for Miss Parish to address.

Mrs. Roper (Bromley) said that she had friends in Bromley whom she could interest if a Branch were started there.

Reporters

The question of admitting newspaper reporters to meetings was mentioned. Mrs. Franklin thought that it was well to send a card of invitation for each meeting to the principal newspapers.

Election of
Officers

There was also some discussion upon the different methods of electing Officers in the various Branches.

M. Franklin

July 11. 1910